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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – May 2019

Oklahoma's unemployment rate moves down in May

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** moved down to 3.2 percent in May, while the U.S. unemployment rate held steady at 3.6 percent in May. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was down by 0.3 percentage point compared to May 2018.

May 2019	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.2%	1,828,690	1,769,690	59,000
United States	3.6%	162,646,000	156,758,000	5,888,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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May '19	3.2%	1,828,690	1,769,690	59,000
April '19	3.3%	1,828,475	1,768,729	59,746
Mar'19	3.3%	1,830,795	1,770,663	60,132
Feb '19	3.3%	1,833,045	1,773,387	59,658
Jan '19	3.2%	1,834,891	1,775,975	58,916
Dec '18	3.1%	1,837,373	1,779,871	57,502
May '18	3.5%	1,845,367	1,781,488	63,879

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In May, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** increased by 961 persons (0.1 percent), while **unemployment** decreased by 746 persons (-1.2 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** fell by 4,879 persons (-7.6 percent).

May 2019	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	215	0.0%	-16,677	-0.9%
Employment	961	0.1%	-11,798	-0.7%
Unemployment	-746	-1.2%	-4,879	-7.6%

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Oklahoma nonfarm employment down in May

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 1,700 jobs (-0.1 percent) in May 2019. The U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 75,000 jobs (0.0 percent) in May. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 9,900 jobs (0.6 percent).

- In May, five of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Other Services** (+900 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** and **Government** (+500 jobs each).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-1,800 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job losses.
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+5,200 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year, followed by **Construction** (+5,100 jobs).
- Sectors showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Manufacturing** (-2,000 jobs), **Government** (-1,200 jobs), **Information** (-1,100 jobs), and **Professional and Business Services** (-900 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	MAY 2019	APR 2019	MAY 2018	APR 19 TO MAY 19		MAY 18 TO MAY 19	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,694,100	1,695,800	1,684,200	-1,700	-0.1%	9,900	0.6%
Total Private	1,347,500	1,349,700	1,336,400	-2,200	-0.2%	11,100	0.8%
Goods Producing	273,400	274,500	270,300	-1,100	-0.4%	3,100	1.1%
Service-Providing	1,420,700	1,421,300	1,413,900	-600	0.0%	6,800	0.5%
Private Service Providing	1,074,100	1,075,200	1,066,100	-1,100	-0.1%	8,000	0.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	137,700	138,300	132,600	-600	-0.4%	5,100	3.8%
Mining and Logging	52,800	53,700	52,800	-900	-1.7%	0	0.0%
Construction	84,900	84,600	79,800	300	0.4%	5,100	6.4%
Manufacturing	135,700	136,200	137,700	-500	-0.4%	-2,000	-1.5%
Non-Durable Goods	40,800	40,700	41,000	100	0.2%	-200	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	303,900	303,400	298,700	500	0.2%	5,200	1.7%
Wholesale Trade	59,600	59,600	57,100	0	0.0%	2,500	4.4%
Retail Trade	178,200	178,200	178,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	66,100	65,600	63,400	500	0.8%	2,700	4.3%
Information**	18,900	19,000	20,000	-100	-0.5%	-1,100	-5.5%
Financial Activities	80,000	79,800	79,100	200	0.3%	900	1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,700	21,900	21,100	-200	-0.9%	600	2.8%
Professional and Business Services	188,300	188,800	189,200	-500	-0.3%	-900	-0.5%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	71,800	72,300	72,400	-500	-0.7%	-600	-0.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,100	19,000	19,000	100	0.5%	100	0.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	97,400	97,500	97,800	-100	-0.1%	-400	-0.4%
Education and Health Services	237,800	238,100	236,000	-300	-0.1%	1,800	0.8%
Educational Services	19,300	19,300	20,000	0	0.0%	-700	-3.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	218,500	218,800	216,000	-300	-0.1%	2,500	1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	171,800	173,600	171,900	-1,800	-1.0%	-100	-0.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,800	17,200	17,700	-400	-2.3%	-900	-5.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	155,000	156,400	154,200	-1,400	-0.9%	800	0.5%
Other Services	73,400	72,500	71,200	900	1.2%	2,200	3.1%
Government	346,600	346,100	347,800	500	0.1%	-1,200	-0.3%
Federal Government	49,700	50,100	49,000	-400	-0.8%	700	1.4%
State Government	80,700	80,900	81,700	-200	0.0%	-1,000	-1.2%
Local Government	216,200	215,100	217,100	1,100	0.5%	-900	-0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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** Non-seasonally adjusted. Due to employment stability in the Information supersector, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has determined that it does not need to be adjusted for seasonal factors at this time.